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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector

for 1969

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of the

Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District of Newmarket, in the County of West Suffolk for the year ended 31st December, 1969.

Tel: Newmarket 2321

Public Health Department,
Severals House,
Newmarket.

October, 1970.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Newmarket Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for your district for the year ended 31st December, 1969. Dr. J.R.M. Murdoch, your Medical Officer of Health, resigned in September having only served the authority and the adjoining districts for one year. Accordingly, the work of the Medical Officer of Health has been carried out by myself and associates in the public health medical service. Repeated attempts have been unsuccessful in obtaining a qualified Medical Officer of Health to succeed Dr. Murdoch and it may quite well be that the probable delay over local government and health service re-organisation, coupled with the current difficulties over conditions of service, have created an air of uncertainty amongst qualified public health doctors which is affecting morale in the service. Until the position of local government is clarified it would appear that there is little prospect of recruiting a qualified public health doctor to the service.

The estimated population of 12,190 shows little significant increase on the previous estimate in 1968 of 12,090. The birth rate of 16.0 compares with that of 16.3 for England and Wales. This rate when corrected for age and sex distribution is in excess of England and Wales (11.9). Whilst the infant mortality rate of 24.6 is significantly in excess of 18 for England and Wales many firm deductions cannot be drawn from relatively small figures. A very significant number of deaths are due to diseases of the heart and other circulatory disorders. The number of notifiable diseases coming to the attention of the department was low. One matter which did attract attention during the year was the occurrence of a case of rabies in a dog which had been imported from Pakistan. Whilst the main action was taken by veterinarians the department was involved in seeing that the contacts were given prophylactic treatment for the condition.

Your Chief Public Health Inspector and Mrs. Blyth have done much towards the recording of the information which is given in the main body of the report and as usual it deals with matters which are covered by official instructions from the Department of Health regarding annual reports.

My personal thanks are due to the Urban District Council staff for the sustained help they give in the district and for the happy co-operation which exists with adjoining local authorities in dealing with problems of mutual interest.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

D. A. McCRACKEN

Acting Medical Officer of Health

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

J.R.M. Murdoch
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Resigned September 1969

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

G. Penistone, F.A.P.H.I., Cert. S.I.B.,
Cert. Inspector of Meat and Other Foods,
Cert. Smoke Inspector, Royal Society of
Health

TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

D. Parr

CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Mrs. C.A. Blyth

RODENT OPERATOR

H.D. Gallant

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

GENERAL STATISTICS Area .. .. 5,640 acres

	(1966)	(1967)	(1968)	(1969)
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	11,670	11,840	12,090	12,190
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book	4,197	4,521	4,582	4,677
Rateable Value	£414,235	£443,948	£456,676	£481,294
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,625	£1,715	£1,850	£1,945

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

LIVE BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	89	101	190
Illegitimate	7	6	13
Total	96	107	203

Live birth rate per 1,000 population	16.7
Corrected birth rate (Comp. factor 0.96)	16.0
Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)..	16.3
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	6.0

STILL BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	1	2	3

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	14.6
" " " " " " " " (Eng. & Wales) ..	13.2

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	90	103	193
Illegitimate	7	6	13
Total	97	109	206

DEATHS	Male	Female	Total
	83	79	162

Death rate per 1,000 population	13.3
Corrected death rate (Comp. factor 0.95)	12.6
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	11.9

INFANT MORTALITY - Deaths of infants under one year of age

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Total	4	1	5

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	24.6
" " " " " " " " (England & Wales)	18
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legit. live births	21
Illegitimate " " " " illegit." "	77

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births	20

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	20

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	34

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962
Birth Rate (Corrected)	16.0	16.8	14.4	15.4	15.8	17.1	18.4	18.2
Death Rate (Corrected)	12.6	12.8	12.4	10.2	12.7	10.3	11.1	13.4
Infant Mortality Rate	24.6	9.4	5.6	16.0	15.6	39.2	22.9	14.6
Number of infant deaths	5	2	1	3	3	8	5	3

The following table gives the causes and number of deaths which occurred during 1969 :-

	Registrar General's Figures	
	Male 1969	Female 1969
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
Malignant neoplasm - oesophagus	-	1
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	3	4
Malignant neoplasm - intestine	2	1
Malignant neoplasm - larynx	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	7	1
Malignant neoplasm - breast	-	3
Malignant neoplasm - uterus	-	1
Malignant neoplasm - prostate	1	-
Leukaemia	-	2
Other malignant neoplasms	3	5
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	-
Diabetes Mellitus	2	2
Other diseases of nervous system, etc.	-	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1
Hypertensive disease	2	4
Ischaemic heart disease	29	12
Other forms of heart disease	-	2
Cerebrovascular disease	9	15
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	5
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	2	8
Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	3
Asthma	1	-
Other diseases of Respiratory system	3	-
Peptic ulcer	1	1
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	1	-
Other diseases of digestive system	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	2	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	-
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	1	4
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	3	1
	83	79
1968	83	80

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(a) LABORATORY SERVICES. The Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. These services are provided by the County Council under the direction of Dr. D.A. McCracken, the County Medical Officer of Health.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES. County Council Infant Welfare Clinics were held at the Health Clinic, Newmarket, each Tuesday, and at the Scout Hall, Exning, on one Thursday each month. Outpatient Clinics are held at the Newmarket General Hospital as follows :-

Anti-Coagulant	Dr. J.H. Dean	Mon. & Fri.	2.00 p.m.
Appliances	(Technician)	Mon. (alternate weeks)	10.30 a.m.
Cardiac	Dr. H.A. Fleming	Mon. (3rd bi-monthly)	9.45 a.m.
	Dr. D.W. Evans	Mon. (4th bi-monthly)	9.45 a.m.
Chest	Dr. C.P. Hay	Thurs.	2.00 p.m.
		Fri. (alternate)	11.00 a.m.
Dental (Oral)	Mr. E.W.B. Varley	Wed.	2.00 p.m.
Dermatology	Dr. S.O.B. Roberts	Tues.	9.45 a.m.
E.N.T.	Mr. K.F. Wilsdon	Mon.	2.00 p.m.
Geriatric	Dr. W. Davison	Wed. (Wards B.4 & B.6)	a.m.
	Dr. D.E. Hyams	Mon. (Ward B.3)	p.m.
Gynaecological and Obstetrics	Mr. J.S. Hesketh	Fri. (Gynaecological)	9.30 a.m.
		Tues. (Obstetrics) - A2	10.00 a.m.
	Registrar	Tues. (Obstetrics) - A2	2.00 p.m.
		Thurs. - ditto -	10.00 a.m.
	Mr. O. Lloyd	Mon. (alternate weeks)	2.00 p.m.
Medical	Dr. R. Arden Jones	Tues. & Wed.	2.00 p.m.
	Dr. I.E. Evans	Thurs.	2.00 p.m.
Neurology	Dr. M.F.T. Yealland	Thurs.	10.00 a.m.
Ophthalmic	Mr. J. Monckton	Tues.	2.00 p.m.
		Fri.	10.00 a.m.
	(Glaucoma cases only)	3rd Mon. in month	10.00 a.m.
Orthopaedic	Mr. E.S. Jamieson	Mon.	10.30 a.m.
		Fri.	2.00 p.m.
		Sat. (Children only - alternate Sats)	10.15 a.m.
		Tues. (Plaster room)	2.00 p.m.
	(Physiotherapy cases only)	Thurs. - not 4th	10.00 a.m.
	Mr. R. Magnall	Wed. (2nd in month only)	10.00 a.m.
		Wed. (4th in month only) Physiotherapy	10.00 a.m.
Paediatrics	Dr. D.M.T. Gairdner	Wed. (1st & 3rd in month)	9.30 a.m.
Physical Medicine	Dr. W.A. Fell	Wed.	9.30 a.m.
Surgical	Mr. R.E.B. Tagart	Tues.	9.15 a.m.
		Fri.	10.30 a.m.
	Mr. T.M. Williams	Thurs.	10.00 a.m.
Thoracic Surgery	Mr. B.B. Milstein	Mon. (2nd in month)	10.00 a.m.
	Mr. C. Parish	Mon. (4th in month)	10.00 a.m.

(e) HOSPITALS

147 (72%) of the 203 births to inhabitants of the district took place at the Newmarket General Hospital.

92 (57%) of the 162 deaths of inhabitants of the district took place at the Newmarket General Hospital.

SECTION C

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious and other diseases notified during 1969 :-

	Male	Female
11 Measles	5	6
5 Infective Jaundice	-	5
2 Scarlet Fever	1	1
2 Whooping Cough	1	1
1 Salmonella Typhimurium	-	1
1 Sh. Sonnei Dysentery	1	-
1 Paratyphoid B.	-	1
	8	15

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

NEW CASES

	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
Pulmonary	1	2	2	4	3	2	3
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

AGE OF CASE NOTIFIED DURING 1969

Pulmonary: 1 Female, 23 years

MORTALITY : There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1969

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
1. Cases at commencement 1969	5	5	-	2	12
2. First notified during 1969	-	1	-	-	1
3. Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-
4. Added by transfers	-	-	-	-	-
5. Cases removed from Register	-	-	-	-	-
6. Remaining at 31.12.69	5	6	-	2	13

SECTION D

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

The Urban District is supplied with water by the Ely, Mildenhall & Newmarket Water Board. Only five houses, all in remote parts of the district, are without a main water supply. The Board has three reservoirs at Warren Hill having a total capacity of about $1\frac{3}{4}$ million gallons. These are linked together and under normal conditions receive water from pumping stations at Chippenham and Southfields and supply a large part of the Newmarket Rural District as well as the Urban District. In emergencies water can also be brought into this system from the pumping stations at Lower Links and Moulton.

The waters from all these stations are derived from the chalk and are very similar in character.

Eight samples of water were taken from the well at Southfields Pumping Station and nine samples were taken from the mains for bacteriological examination. The results of these samples showed the quality of the water to be satisfactory.

A sample of water was taken by the Water Board from the well at Southfields Pumping Station for chemical analysis. The Analyst's report indicated that the water conformed to the highest standard of organic quality, that it was pure and wholesome and suitable for public supply purposes.

Method of Mains Water supply to Houses

(a) Direct to Houses

Number of dwelling houses	4,648
Estimated number of population supplied	12,136

(b) By means of Standpipes

Number of dwelling houses	24
Estimated number of population supplied	39
Number of standpipes	20

There are no Council owned standpipes in the District.

Number of houses from 1960 connected to :-

Piped Water Supply

1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	Total
98	49	81	85	123	89	159	333	71	95	1183

Sewerage System

1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	Total
130	48	79	84	123	89	148	329	71	95	1196

The information given below relating to Drainage, Sewerage, Public Conveniences and Public Cleansing has been supplied by the Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. Ivan Stimson.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The contract for the construction of a new sewage disposal works is scheduled to start in September this year incorporating the joint sludge de-watering arrangements with Cambridge City. The site investigation contract has been completed and the contract, in advance of the main contract, for the laying of a new sewer across Studlands Park is proceeding.

The maintenance of the two existing sewage works, four pumping stations and one temporary sewage treatment plant has, as previously, been carried out by direct labour under the direction and supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor.

During the year the Council has operated a cesspool emptying service to those properties within the Urban District not yet connected to a public sewer using the 1,000 gallon capacity gully emptier. The two free emptyings given by the Council to each of these properties cost approximately £450 last year.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Council maintain two public conveniences in the town centre with plans for a new public convenience in Exning Road to be present shortly to the Public Health Committee.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A joint scheme for pulverising refuse from Newmarket R.D.C. and the Urban District has again been fully investigated and agreed to by both Councils. The Engineer and Surveyor is at present preparing a scheme for presentation to the joint committee and then to both Councils using an existing building at the U.D.C. depot to house a new plant. At the moment controlled tipping of crude refuse is carried out at Kennett under the direction and supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor, with the tip being treated regularly by the Public Health Department for the control of rats, flies and other insect pests. When pulverised refuse is tipped at Kennett less frequent visits by the Public Health Department will be necessary as the rat, fly and insect nuisance will be considerably reduced.

The cleaning of some 35 miles of highways, road gullies and the collection of domestic and trade refuse has, as previously, been carried out by direct labour under the direction and supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Councillors of
the Urban District of Newmarket

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit for your information and consideration my Report for the year 1969.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their continued interest and help, and also all the Officers of the Council for their ready co-operation in matters affecting their Departments.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. PENISTONE

Chief Public Health Inspector

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Dwelling Houses

Number of houses inspected under Public Health or Housing Acts	260
Total number of inspections and re-inspections thereunder ..	320
Number of verminous premises inspected	3
Number of visits and re-visits re verminous premises	5
Number of houses with other infestations (including wasp nests)	203
Miscellaneous housing visits	121
Visits re infectious diseases/disinfection	21

Various Inspections

Visits re water supply	17
Bacteriological samples of water from well at Southfields Pumping Station	8
Bacteriological samples of water from mains	9
Water samples from swimming pool	6
Inspections at Swimming Pool	6
Inspections re choked and/or defective drains, drain testing ..	108
Inspections of Public House sanitary conveniences	10
Inspections of Fried Fish Shops	6
Inspections of Factories	24
Inspections of Bakehouses	3
Visits re Rats and Mice (in addition to Rodent Operator)	33
Schools	3
Pet Animals Act	2
Noise Abatement	11
Clean Air Act	4
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963	65
Moveable dwellings	33
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	186
Visits to Butchers	23
Visits to Fishmongers	6
Visits to Grocers	30
Visits to Greengrocers	2
Visits to Restaurants and Cafes	12
Visits to Confectioners	4
Visits to Ice Cream premises	8
Visits to Markets	26
Visits to Milk distributors	6
Miscellaneous Food Visits	10
Visits re Petroleum & Explosives	61

Number of Informal Notices served in 1969	19
Number of Informal Notices outstanding from 1968	15
Number of Informal Notices complied with in 1969	23
Number of Informal Notices outstanding at 31st December 1969 ..	11
Number of Statutory Notices served in 1969	NIL
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding from 1968	NIL
Number of Statutory Notices outstanding at 31st December 1969	NIL

Work done after service of notices	Informal
Ceilings repaired	1
Water closets repaired or renewed	2
Drains cleansed, repaired or renewed	8
Offensive accumulations removed	7
Dirty houses cleansed	2

Food Premises

Contraventions of Food Hygiene Regulations discontinued ..	3

FACTORIES ACTS

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	2	NIL	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	60	20	2	NIL
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	2	NIL	NIL
	74	24	2	NIL

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecution instituted.
	Found	Remedied	To. H.M. Inspector	By. H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	NIL	2	NIL

3. Outwork (Sections 110 and 111) - No action required

THE OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Table A - Registrations and General Inspections

Class of premises	No. of premises newly registered during year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year.
Offices	2	65	1
Retail Shops	3	93	18
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	4	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	26	-
Fuel Storage depots	-	2	-
Total	6	190	19

Table B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises - 65

Table C - Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	458
Retail shops	606
Wholesale departments, warehouses	25
Catering establishments open to the public	152
Canteens	3
Fuel storage depots	9
Total	1253
Total Males	561
Total Females	692

CARAVANS

There are no licensed camping sites in the district.

At the beginning of the year the problem caused by the unauthorised use of a car park by gypsies, referred to in the Annual Report for 1968, continued. All the gypsies left the site at the end of January and there was no further occupation of the site except for a few days at Christmas.

CLEAN AIR ACTS

One complaint of nuisance caused by the emission of smoke from a chimney serving an oil-fired boiler was dealt with by informal action.

NOISE ABATEMENT

An ice cream vendor was warned for operating a loudspeaker in his vehicle contrary to Section 2 of the Noise Abatement Act 1960.

Two complaints of nuisance from noise were investigated and the noise was reduced following informal action.

SWIMMING POOL

The Council own a modern open-air swimming pool, water for which is obtained from the mains. Circulation of the water is continuous, the water being passed through a Bell horizontal sand filter and chlorinated.

The Pool was open from the 10th May to the 13th September 1969. The number of tickets sold was 34,298 of which 10,862 were issued to adults and 23,436 to children. In addition there were 8 adult and 42 children season ticket holders.

Arrangements were made with the West Suffolk Education Committee and the Cambridgeshire Education Committee for use of the swimming pool by school children on each morning, Monday to Friday, during the school summer term.

Five samples of water were taken from the pool for bacteriological examination. The results showed that a satisfactory standard was maintained.

Six inspections were made regarding cleanliness of dressing cubicles, sanitary accommodation and pool surrounds.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS AND OTHER VERMIN

The following infestations were treated :-

Type of Infestation	No. of premises	No. of treatments
Wasp Nests	203	203
Cockroaches	1	2
Fleas	2	2

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employ one rodent operator.

Inspections and treatments of premises were carried out where infestations were notified by occupiers as well as general inspections of the district and treatment of premises where necessary.

Free treatments were given at dwelling houses. Treatments at business premises were charged for at the rate of 15/6d. per hour, inclusive of baits and poisons.

Summary of treatments carried out

Type of Premises	No. of treatments	Bodies Found RATS
Dwellings	201	143
Business Premises	31	50
Racing Stables	17	65
Council Property		
Sewage & Refuse Disposal Works	3	72
Other Council Premises	4	13
	256	343

H O U S I N G

1. (i) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) — 260

   (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose — 320

   (ii) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. — NIL

   (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose — NIL

   (iii) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. — NIL

   (iv) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. — 10

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal Notices

   Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. — 8

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :-

   (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 12, and 39 of the Housing Act 1957 :-

   (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs — NIL

   (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :-

   (a) By Owners — NIL
   (b) By Local Authority in default of owners — NIL

   (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts

   (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied — NIL

   (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices

   (a) By Owners — NIL
   (b) By Local Authority in default of owners — NIL

   (c) Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 19, 21 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957

   (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made — NIL

   (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders — NIL

   (3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made or undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation — NIL

   (4) Number of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or undertakings not to re-let — NIL

   (d) Proceedings under Sections 18, 19 and 27 of the Housing Act 1957

   (1) Number of parts of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made or undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation — NIL

   (2) Number of parts of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or undertakings not to re-let — NIL

(e) Proceedings under Sections 42 and 43 of the Housing Act 1957

(1)	Number of houses included in Clearance Areas	NIL
(2)	Number of houses in Clearance Areas demolished	NIL

4. Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV - Overcrowding

(a)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	NIL
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding discovered during year	NIL
(c)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	NIL
(d)	Particulars of cases in which dwellings have again become overcrowded after the local authority having taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.	NIL

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Discretionary Grants

Number of houses inspected following application or proposed application for grant	62
Number of visits re above	78
Number of applications received	39
Number of applications outstanding from 1968	NIL
Number of applications approved	33
Number of applications withdrawn	3
Number of applications outstanding at 31.12.69	3
Value of grants approved	£11,107

Standard Grants

Number of houses inspected following application or proposed application for grant	4
Number of visits re above	5
Number of applications received	2
Number of applications approved	2
Number of applications withdrawn	1
Number of applications outstanding at 31.12.69	NIL

Amenities to be provided

Fixed baths	2
Wash-hand basins	2
Hot water supply	2
Internal water closet	2

RENT ACT 1957

No applications for certificates of disrepair were received during the year.

HOUSES COMPLETED FROM 1946 BY COUNCIL AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

During 1969 there were 95 houses completed, 15 built by the Council and 80 by private enterprise.

The number of houses completed in the post-war period is as follows :-

By the Council	Traditional	1,015
	Prefabricated	50
	Easiform	100
	Unity	48
	Wates	68
	Total Post-War	1,281
	Total Pre-War	309
	Grand Total of Council Houses	1,590

Built by the Council and sold to private owners	70
Built by Private Enterprise	810

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959

Number of Milk Distributors on Register	17
Number of Dairies on Register	NIL

Under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960, the County Council as the Food and Drugs Authority are responsible for the issue of Dealers Licences and for the sampling of designated milk.

ICE CREAM

There are no premises in the district where ice cream is manufactured. 31 premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice cream, but five of these were not selling ice cream during the year. The ice cream sold is wrapped or in cartons as it is received from the manufacturers.

FOOD INSPECTION

Four complaints were received about foreign matter in foods and these complaints were taken up with the manufacturers of the foods concerned. In each case co-operation was received in an endeavour to prevent entry of foreign matter into foods.

FOODSTUFFS CONDEMNED AS BEING UNSOUND OR OTHERWISE UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

171 tins of Meat	855 tins of Fruit
40 tins of Milk	188 tins of Fish

390 tins of Vegetables

Total weight condemned: 17 cwt. 33 lbs.

METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

Foods condemned were destroyed by burning at the Refuse Destructor.

FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT

	No. of Premises	No. fitted to comply with Reg 16	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	No. fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Hotels and Licensed Premises	29	29	29	29
Restaurants and Cafes	10	10	10	10
Grocers	24	24	14	14
Ice cream premises	31	31	12	12
Butchers	15	15	15	15
Fishmongers	4	4	4	4
Greengrocers	10	10	-	-
Bakers	3	3	3	3
Fried Fish Shops	5	5	5	5

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955, SECTION 16

Sausage manufacturers	11
Ice cream premises	31

The registered sausage manufacturers are all butchers who make sausages as part of their general business. The inspections of these premises are included in the total of twenty three inspections at butcher's shops.

Particulars regarding the ice cream premises are set out elsewhere in this report.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

The following contraventions of the Regulations at food premises were discontinued after informal notice :-

Walls and ceiling of food room in dirty condition	2
Food in forecourt of shop kept less than 18" from ground	1

During routine visits to food premises the opportunity was taken to discuss the Regulations with the proprietors and to emphasise the need for clean handling of food.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY REGARDING FOOD HYGIENE

No clean food guilds have been inaugurated in the district.

ADULTERATION etc.	No change
CHEMICAL/BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	
NUTRITION	
SHELLFISH (Molluscan)	
WATER CRESS	